

# OREGON POTATOES



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## US Potato Stocks Up 7 percent from last year

The 13 major potato States held 206 million cwt of potatoes in storage February 1, 2008, up 7 percent from last year and 9 percent above February 1, 2006. Potatoes in storage accounted for 52 percent of the 2007 fall storage States' production, up 3 percentage points from last year. Idaho's potato stocks were up 6 percent from last year; Washington's potato sheds held 32 percent more than last year; and Oregon's stocks increased 19 percent from last season. Klamath Basin stocks totaled 2.70 million cwt on February 1, 2008, up 4 percent from last year. Klamath Basin includes California and Klamath County, Oregon potato stocks. Potato disappearance, at 194 million cwt, was down 1 percent from last year but up 5 percent from 2006. Season to date shrink and loss, at 18.0 million cwt, was down 2 percent from the same date in 2007 but 7 percent above 2006.

**Potatoes: Production and total stocks of fall potatoes, 2006 and 2007 crops <sup>1</sup>**

State	Crop of 2006			Crop of 2007		
	Production	Total stocks Feb 1, 2007	Feb 1 stocks as % of production	Production	Total stocks Feb 1, 2008	Feb 1 stocks as % of production
	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<b>Oregon</b>	<b>18,533</b>	<b>11,700</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>20,238</b>	<b>13,900</b>	<b>69</b>
Idaho	128,915	70,000	54	131,650	74,000	56
Washington	89,900	36,500	41	102,300	48,000	47
California	3,870	1,300	34	4,223	1,400	33
Colorado	22,686	13,100	58	20,981	11,200	53
Maine	17,980	11,300	63	16,530	9,600	58
Michigan	14,190	4,600	32	14,700	6,200	42
Minnesota	20,400	10,000	49	20,680	9,900	48
Montana	3,518	3,200	91	3,696	3,600	97
Nebraska	8,730	4,000	46	8,051	3,700	46
New York	5,700	1,400	25	5,216	1,200	23
North Dakota	25,480	12,000	47	23,660	10,000	42
Wisconsin	29,370	13,500	46	28,160	13,500	48
13 State Total	389,272	192,600	49	400,085	206,200	52
Klamath Basin <sup>2</sup>	-	2,600	-	-	2,700	-

<sup>1</sup> Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2007 totaled 26.4 million cwt.

<sup>2</sup> Estimates began in 2006. Includes potato stocks in CA and Klamath County, Oregon.

## Fall Potatoes: Production and stocks, Oregon and major states total, 2003-2007

Location and crop year	Production	Total stocks						
		Dec 1	Following year					
			Jan 1	Feb 1	Mar 1	Apr 1	May 1	Jun 1
	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>
<b>Oregon</b>								
2003	20,991	18,000	15,800	13,500	11,000	8,400	5,500	2,900
2004	19,775	17,000	14,500	11,800	9,000	6,200	3,900	2,100
2005	22,023	19,000	16,500	14,500	11,500	8,500	5,000	2,300
2006	18,533	16,000	13,900	11,700	9,700	7,600	4,800	2,300
2007	20,238	18,000	16,100	13,900	-	-	-	-
<b>13 Major states</b>								
2003 <sup>1</sup>	403,181	267,900	233,590	200,230	166,280	126,110	85,000	46,020
2004 <sup>1</sup>	403,587	271,100	236,700	203,490	168,020	128,900	88,550	51,700
2005	374,298	253,800	220,500	189,100	155,500	115,700	75,900	41,560
2006	389,272	259,300	226,100	192,600	159,700	121,000	79,050	44,460
2007 <sup>2</sup>	400,085	270,100	237,500	206,200	-	-	-	-

<sup>1</sup> 15 major States.

<sup>2</sup> December 1, 2007, stocks revised.

## Processing Potatoes

Processors in the 9 major States have used 104 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 4 percent from the same time last year but 8 percent above 2 years ago. Dehydrating usage accounted for 20.9 million cwt of the total processing, down 12 percent from last year but 9 percent above the same date in 2006.

### Potatoes: Used for processing, selected areas, 2005, 2006 and 2007 crops <sup>1</sup>

Storage season	To Dec 1	To Jan 1	To Feb 1	To Mar 1	To Apr 1	To May 1	To June 1	Entire season
	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>
Idaho and Oregon-(Malheur County)								
2005-2006	22,840	29,300	35,970	43,300	50,820	57,830	65,030	77,360
2006-2007	27,090	34,070	41,350	48,940	56,650	63,680	71,220	85,630
<b>2007-2008</b>	<b>26,230</b>	<b>33,260</b>	<b>40,220</b>	-	-	-	-	-
Washington and Oregon-(other areas)								
2005-2006	30,310	35,895	40,545	48,290	55,320	61,855	69,360	78,550
2006-2007	30,980	37,060	42,190	49,930	56,690	63,170	70,410	77,355
<b>2007-2008</b>	<b>28,995</b>	<b>34,675</b>	<b>39,700</b>	-	-	-	-	-
Maine <sup>2</sup>								
2005-2006	1,365	1,880	2,485	3,090	3,800	4,450	5,130	6,825
2006-2007	1,755	2,360	2,910	3,465	4,185	4,810	5,470	7,560
<b>2007-2008</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>2,170</b>	<b>2,815</b>	-	-	-	-	-
Other states <sup>3</sup>								
2005-2006	11,055	14,070	17,005	19,895	22,520	25,270	27,740	35,535
2006-2007	14,270	17,695	21,290	24,545	28,040	31,370	34,830	43,315
<b>2007-2008</b>	<b>15,040</b>	<b>17,560</b>	<b>20,790</b>	-	-	-	-	-
Total								
2005-2006	65,570	81,145	96,005	114,575	132,460	149,405	167,260	198,270
2006-2007	74,095	91,185	107,740	126,880	145,565	163,030	181,930	213,860
<b>2007-2008</b>	<b>71,965</b>	<b>87,665</b>	<b>103,525</b>	-	-	-	-	-

<sup>1</sup> Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the state in which the potatoes were produced. Total excludes quantities used for potato chips in ME and WI.

<sup>2</sup> Includes Maine grown potatoes only.

<sup>3</sup> CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI.

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